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Title : METHODS, AND COMPOSITIONS FOR A

: THERAPEUTIC ANTIGEN PRESENTING : CELL VACCINE FOR TREATMENT OF

: IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated December 17, 2003.

We acknowledge the restriction of the Application into Group I, including Claims 1 – 2, 4 – 5, 11 – 12, 14 – 18, 20 and 25, Group II, including Claims 1, 3 – 5, 11 and 13, Group III, including Claims 1, 4 – 12 and 30, Group IV, including Claims 1, 4 – 12 and 30, Group V, including Claim 21, Group VI, including Claim 22, Group VII, including Claim 23, Group VIII, including Claim 24, Group IX, including Claim 26, Group X, including Claim 27, in part, Group XI, including Claims 27 – 28, Claim 27 in part, Group XII, including Claims 27 – 28, Claim 27 in part, Group XIII, including Claims 29, Group XIV, including Claims 31 – 32, and Group XV, including Claim 19.

We hereby elect Group I, including Claims 1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 14-18 and 20, without traverse.

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